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On all Men's, Boys' and Youths' Overcoats, Heavy Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, Flannel Shirts, Gloves, Mittens, Fur and Cloth Caps, and Woolen and Merino Hosiery.

We will continue to give you **LARGE REDUCTIONS** on the above goods **FOR CASH ONLY**, till March 5th, the day of our Annual Distribution. Call and examine and we will make you prices that will surprise you. Buy \$5.00 worth and get a ticket.

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Are equal to one ton of Hard Coal, and only cost

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(Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.)

COWS—I have a fine lot of new milk cows for sale, both Jersey and Short Horn, also a good span of mules. **JOHN A. BROWN.** Jan 24-dw

MONEY to loan in large and small amounts, on household goods. All classes of loans negotiated on short notice. Loans on farms and city business. Repairs at 8 per cent. interest. Apply to A. T. SUMMERS, over New York Store, July 10-dw

FOR RENT—A dwelling of 8 rooms in good repair, at 604 W. William street. Stable, bath, boiler, huge shed and large yard. Possession given at once. For further information inquire of MRS. R. L. WATSON, telephone 52, 266.

WANTED—Harp-makers. Address G. E. HUSSEL & SON, Champaign, Ill. 24b

FOR SALE—One stack of hay, one stack of oats in the shed, one stack of loose oats, will be sold cheap, two miles south-east of Decatur, half mile from the Mill bridge, on Sand creek. Jan 25-dw

FOR RENT—Five room house, well, electric water, and all necessary conveniences, 160 North Water street. For particulars apply at 47 North Water street.

FOR RENT, CHAP—Four good, new rooms, suitable for housekeeping. Inquire on the premises, 706 North Union street.

WANTED—Everybody to know that Rich Man Blues will buy or trade to your old style furniture in exchange for new. Call and see them.

WOOD—Shed Wood, Cord Wood, More than anyone in the city. The wood is right here in the city while you can inspect it. Do not buy until you see me. All kinds of stock feed at rock bottom prices. I am down town going for the best coal. Always deliver promptly. Telephone 72. Jan 12-dw

HAVE your feathers and mattresses moved and stored at the Mattress Factory, 552 North Broadway. J. & C. COX & Co. Telephone Stevens-Bus Jan 15-dw

F. W. HAINES, Bill Poster and Distributor, And Agent Smith's Opera House, may be found on inquiry at the Republican's Counting Room.

ST. Nicholas Hotel

CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side of Old Square, Decatur, Ill.

BIRD-DESTRUCTION.

Increase in the Numerical and Moral Strength of the Audubon Society.

What earnest, persistent effort will do in a good cause is proved by the results of the work of the Audubon Society. There are now branch societies organized in New York, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Illinois, Georgia, Vermont, New Hampshire, Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, Maryland, and even in Dakota, Colorado, Indian Territory, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, California, Virginia and West Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, Louisiana and Canada.

Birds are still used in hat trimmings, and many of the fashion magazines and weeklies publish articles in which bird garniture occupy much space. This is due, no doubt, to the efforts of manufacturers to get rid of an otherwise worthless stock.

Dr. Mariam, the ornithologist of the Department of Agriculture, says:

"The best ladies are refusing to wear stuffed birds and wings on their hats, and soon, I expect, no respectable woman will wear a hat so trimmed."

There are already 14,000 members of the society who are fighting the fashion, and with such good effect that milliners find it difficult to get rid of their old stock. They can scarcely find any sale for bird trimmings, and are trying to force them on the market to escape a loss. I heard, just the other day, of a dealer who was selling off his stock of stuffed thrushes, at two cents apiece. At that rate there will soon be no motive for de-stroying birds. Ladies in the best society, leaders of fashion, are taking up the cause of the birds, and are pledging themselves not to wear them. As I said before, it will soon not be considered respectable to wear birds in hats. It would astonish you to get any sort of idea of the way birds have been slaughtered by fashion. Some families have been almost driven off the continent, and nearly every bird used for trimming is of a useful species.

Our finest songsters and most valuable insect eaters have been the victims. In fact, there are few birds we could spare. You can safely say that ninety per cent of all the North American song-birds, so called, are useful. The number that do damage is exceedingly small. The English sparrow is the only one that is utterly useless and bad."

If there are no buyers the destruction must cease, and our woods will echo the songs of the birds once more in choruses instead of solos. *Christian Union*

A Delightful Liquid Laxative.
Syrup of Figs is a most agreeable and valuable family remedy, as it is easily taken by old and young, and is prompt and effective in curing Habitual Constipation and the many ills depending on a weak or inactive condition of the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels. It acts gently, strengthens the organs on which it acts, and awakens them to a healthy activity. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, Decatur, Ill.

The third term of the Decatur Museum College opens Feb. 7th. Corner Main and William streets. Jan 12-dw

REASONS.

There are forty reasons why men dress well, some of them decidedly curious should they be probed.

Expediency of odd sorts serves to accomplish certain ends and the like.

Most men, we trust, rise to the higher plane of neatness and good taste. A well-bred man pleases himself and enjoys a satisfaction in knowing he attracts no attention by too little dress or too much. In our very full supply of

NEW + BUSINESS + SUITS,

Dress Suits, Overcoats,**BOYS' and CHILDREN'S SUITS,**

you will find the happy medium that every gentleman of good taste and every mother of refinement, who wishes to see her boys well dressed, enjoys.

In answer to the question so often asked,

Where Can I Do the Best?

we would say, and prove it if necessary, that every dollar's worth of goods that is delivered to us, after being examined and found correct, is paid for **SPOT CASH**. This and a twenty years' experience in our business, knowing how to buy and where to buy, offsets any argument that has been and may be made by any of our competitors as to their offering extraordinary bargains, without any good reason on their part as to their superior ability, financially or otherwise, to procure them.

The Reliable Clothier and Gent's Furnisher,

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75 + DOZEN

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PERCALE * SHIRTS

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BARGAINS

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BRADLEY BROS.' NEW YORK STORE.

5c 1,000 yds. 36 in. Bleached Muslin in remnants, worth 7c per yd.	19c Children's and Misses' Cashmere Ribbed Hose, sizes from 5½ to 8½, worth 30c per pair.	\$5.00 One lot of Ladies' Newmarkets in black and brown, Reduced from \$8 and \$9.	4c 1500 yds. of Cashmere Twill Dress goods, all colors.	5c 1200 yds. of Brocade Dress Goods, all colors.	19c Ladies' Chemise, Plain Muslin.	25c Ladies' Chemise, lace trimmed.
6c 1,000 yds. 36 in. Bleached Muslin in remnants, worth 8c per yd.	79c Ladies' Scarlet All Wool Vests and Pants, worth \$1.	\$5.95 One lot of Tailor-made Newmarkets, perfect fitting. Reduced from \$10.	20c 1200 yds. of 36 inch Cashmere in short lengths, from 8 to 12 yds., in all desirable colors, worth 30c yd.	25c 1000 yds. of 36-inch extra fine Cashmere in short lengths, all shades. Regular value 35c yard.	25c Ladies' Muslin Drawers with tucks and lace trimmings.	19c Ladies' Muslin Drawers with wide hem and tucks.
7c 1,500 yards Soft Finish Bleached Muslin, 36 in. wide, in remnants, worth 9 and 10 cents.	89c Ladies' fine Scarlet Cashmere Vests and Pants, worth \$1.25 each.	\$6.95 Ladies' Short Wraps, Boucle Cloth, black fur trimming. Reduced from \$11 and \$12.	10c Hand-made linen Torchon Lace, 2 inches deep, worth 15c.	18c Hand-made linen Medicie Laces, worth 25c.	50c Ladies' Night Dress with embroidery trimming.	59c Ladies' Night Dress with Tuck and lace trimming.
8c 1,000 yds. of finest 36 inch Bleached Muslin, in remnants, worth 10 and 11 cents.	79c Men's heavy red mixed Shirts and Drawers, worth \$1 each.	\$10.00 Ladies' Short Wraps in French Matalasse Freize and Ottoman mixtures, elegantly trimmed, worth \$18 and \$20.	12½c Hand-made linen Torchon Lace, 3 inches deep, worth 18c yd.	20c Hand-made linen Torchon lace, 3½ inches deep, worth 25c yard.	15c Ladies' Plain Muslin Corset Covers.	19c Ladies' Corset Covers with embroidery trimming.
39c 500 yds. of Renfrew Turkey Red Table Damask, 56 and 58 inches wide, in remnants, guaranteed fast colors, worth 50 and 60c per yard.	39c Ladies' extra fine cashmere Jersey Gloves, 13 and 14 inches long, worth 50 and 60c pair.	\$15.00 Stylish Plush and Astrachan Short Wraps, worth \$25.	25c Hand-made linen Torchon Lace, 4 inches deep, worth 30c yd.	22c Hand-made linen Medicie lace, worth 30c yard.	25c Ladies' Muslin Skirts with wide hem and tucks.	39c Ladies' Muslin Skirts with 3 inch ruffle and heading of tucks.

Bradley Bros.' New York Store, Decatur, Illinois.

